

The Greenbelt News Review Heads for the Big Eight-O

by Cathie Meetre

Looking back over the News Review's 79th year reveals a varied and adventurous period. At the start of the year, the paper debuted its color pages. Each week since, at least four pages have been in color and the online paper has all the color material faithfully reproduced even where it isn't in color in the printed paper. Occasionally, when there's a lot of photos and advertising, the paper indulges in an extra four color pages. Reader reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. Readers enjoy the more vibrant appearance and many of the photos that were, well, somewhat grey in monochrome, come alive in color. Advertisers too appreciate the option of color – with their ads having more impact and

appeal.

The paper continues to hold its own financially and the economies and streamlining that characterized year 78 came to fruition in the 79th. Advances in how we put the paper together and earlier attention to detail in editing have resulted in a production cycle that is some hours shorter without any dilution of quality. The paper is not error-free, alas, but it compares well with its larger professional brethren.

Looking forward to being eight decades old is a refreshing prospect. With a fundamentally healthy paper, there's a freedom to try new ideas and embark on new projects. Already planned and underway are a documentary about the paper, timed for release

around the 80th birthday. There is a scheme afoot to re-digitize all the papers (1937 – 2001) that were not born digital, scanning about 33,000 pages and significantly improving the quality of our current online archive. The GNR board is seeking funding and expertise to carry out this ambitious project. Although GNR's current digital archive is fairly complete, the scans are not of high quality and the continued disintegration of the papers stored in office file drawers will erode the town's history. Readers will hear more of these tantalizing enterprises in the months to come.

Meanwhile, raise a toast to a hardy perennial as Issue 1 of Volume 80 takes to the streets.

Greenbelter Solomon on Team That Takes Biology Into Space

by Jill Connor

"Terps in Space" is the fundraising title for the project Microbial Pathogenicity in Microgravity for which three University of Maryland seniors will send a Fluid Mixing Enclosure (FME) up to the International Space Station where astronauts will conduct an experiment involving bacteria and then return the tube to Earth. "The goal is to discover how these bacteria become more pathogenic and cause more disease in astronauts," said Aaron Solomon, one of the team members and a Greenbelter.

The team started writing their grant in February to the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program competition, a program that is designed to inspire and engage students grades 5 to 16 in math, science, engineering and technology by offering an opportunity for them to propose and design an experiment for a mini-lab in space. Solomon, Yaniv Kazansky and Gary Soroosh heard in May that they were selected to have their experiment on a SpaceX rocket scheduled for launch in March 2017.

Soroosh, a neuro-biology and physiology major, said "It's a surreal feeling. It hasn't truly set in that we are doing a project like this. We have had amazing support – the financing, the logistics, filing the paperwork with NASA." The three students set up a crowdfunding campaign to pay for the post flight testing on the tube including sequencing the bacteria's RNA. When deciding what experiment they wanted to run, Soroosh said they asked themselves "How can we do something that gives us some new knowledge that can make



PHOTO BY FAYE LEVINE

University of Maryland seniors, from left, Gary Soroosh, Aaron Solomon and Yaniv Kazansky have developed an experiment that will be performed on the International Space Station in 2017.

a meaningful difference in the lives of someone else." Soroosh, who is planning to go to medical school next fall, said, "Nobody knows how bacteria act in space and that intrigues me."

Kazansky, who is studying bio-chemistry, explained "People have actually found that in space microbes tend to be more virulent or dangerous and they grow more thickly on surfaces in the space station." Though this experiment was not their first idea, it is an area of study that all three are passionate about. Kazansky continues, "So we are investigating something called gene expression, which is the language of how DNA tells your cells what to do. If DNA is the blueprint for what your cell does, RNA is how it communicates what part of the DNA it wants to turn on." RNA is what they will be extracting from the bacteria at the completion of the experiment

and sequencing to determine any alterations from the bacteria in space and an identical control tube on Earth. The RNA should tell them what genes are being turned on or off by the microgravity of space. "Our goal is to see if the RNA expression is any different in space, especially in motility," said Kazansky.

The FME that will contain the experiment is roughly the diameter of an adult thumb, the length of a pencil and similar to a very thick section of IV tubing. There are two clamps on the tube separating it into three sections. The first section will contain the inactive bacteria in a dehydrated state. The second section will have a broth that will feed and activate the bacteria. The third section will have a substance called RNAProtect. Solomon, who is studying cell biology,

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American Education Week November 14 to 18

In celebration of American education, these columns will tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools serving the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Turning Point Academy. In coming weeks we will focus on the other local public schools.

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school; these are coordinated by David Lange, who originated the series, Pamela Gregory who liaises with the schools, and Alice Murray who works with the reporters.

Twu's Roosevelt Physics Class Goes Multimedia

by Nora Stewart

"I guess I always liked to help other people understand physics," said Yau-Jong Twu as she sat in her classroom, surrounded by cabinets and drawers filled with materials for class demonstrations and labs. "When I was a graduate student . . . I loved being a teaching assistant, because it was like I got to take a break from research to teach, to work with students, and that's what I really liked."



PHOTO BY NANCY VU

Yau-Jong Twu

Twu is a physics teacher and the Internship Coordinator for the science and technology program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), where she has worked since 1999. She has taught algebra-based AP Physics, as well as AP Physics C – which is calculus-based – and Physics S/T. She began working as the internship coordinator last

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Helping Kids Become Better Students is O'Connell's Goal

by Nancy Vu

The walls of Temporary 15, Brendan O'Connell's classroom, are emblazoned with a mix of University of Maryland Terps posters, various pictures of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) sports teams and world maps. Sitting cozily amongst various world history books, O'Connell's eyes lit up as he described his area of education and the decisions that led him to become a social stud-

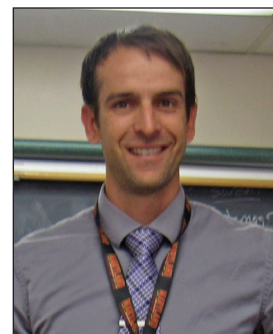


PHOTO BY NANCY VU

Brendan O'Connell

ies teacher at ERHS, teaching AP human geography and world history.

At the same age as many of his students now, O'Connell was unsure of what career path to follow. Attending the University of Maryland, he originally was enrolled in the business school, but found

that "sitting at a desk behind a computer doing numbers all day" was not for him.

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What Goes On

Monday, November 28

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, November 29

3:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Meeting, Community Center

7:00 p.m., Police Community Relations Forum, Springhill Lake Elementary School

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Green Team Meeting, Community Center

Wednesday, November 30

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Transit, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

A Thank You

Watching the belly dancing troupe set up this past Sunday night in the New Deal Café, I remembered a phone call about eight years ago. As president of the café board, I and others had put the word out that we were looking for help and investment in our cooperative. The call came from Karim that he and his wife Maria were interested in our place, asking when they could come by to talk and see the New Deal. “How about tonight?!” I said excitedly and they agreed. Upon meeting them at the café I found that it was Middle Eastern belly dance night. I remember seeing Karim for the first time and his eyes lit up when he heard the music and he even began to dance a bit. We toured the kitchen and tried to talk over the music. I remember leaving them with a good feeling, smiles and a hope that it might work out for all of us. It must have been karma or kismet or just plain old chance, but I think the belly dance and music that night sealed the deal. Now when I see the dancers at the café I can’t help but remember that wonderful night when I felt hope that there was a chance the café could be saved.

As this is their last week at the café, I would like to personally thank Karim, Maria, all of their family and their staff for all of their hard work managing the restaurant operations of the New Deal Café for these past years. When the café was at its darkest and most desperate time burdened with debt and operating all volunteer with limited hours, Karim and Maria took a chance on the New Deal Café Cooperative. They took a chance on our community to invest in a full commercial kitchen and begin a professional restaurant operation as a contractual manager within our cooperative and in the process became a part of our community. Thank you Karim and Maria for helping our community save one of its treasured cooperatives. It hasn’t always been easy, but your support of the New Deal when it mattered guarantees you an honored place in our rich cooperative history that will be remembered.

I was sad to hear of Karim and Maria leaving and of course wish them well. But my last lamb shank would not be my last as I hear they will not be far!

Peter May, former President,
New Deal Café

Greenbelt – What a Gem

If you live in the City of Greenbelt, you probably don’t know how fortunate you are. This is a city that really cares about its residents and citizens, both young and elderly. I have lived here since 1971, first in Springhill Lake, now known as Franklin Park, then in the co-op housing where we have been living for over 40 years.

Greenbelt is a great place for a small city. Shopping centers, restaurants galore, all kinds of food choices. Target and many large chain stores. Movie theaters, doctors’ offices of every specialty, banks, lawyers and just about anything that you might need in daily living.

We have very good schools for our children, and especially Eleanor Roosevelt High, one of the top rated schools in the state. We have excellent police and fire departments and the public works and city workers do an incredible job keeping the areas clean, beautiful with landscaping, trash removal, snow removal and the kinds of things that go on that you don’t even notice or think about. But they happen all of the time.

Our members of the city council work tirelessly on issues and projects for the betterment of the people that live here, whether you agree or not with everything they deal with for the city and state.

But some of the best benefits of being a Greenbelter are the many activities and opportunities available to enjoy and improve your life offered through the city and the Recreation Department. Whether you want to go on day trips or take life improvement programs, or you need assistance with general living issues, there is sure to be someone available to help you.

The Recreation Department publishes a quarterly Activity Guide that is full of information on what is planned for your enjoyment. Many of the clubs and their upcoming events are in the guide, with necessary information on where and when they will take place. It gives times, places, dates, costs for the many different venues. Things like art classes, educational classes, learning how to do or make things, dances or ice cream socials and holiday schedules. The names of the people that teach are

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Original Goals

To serve as a nonprofit enterprise.

To remain nonpartisan in politics.

To remain neutral in religious matters.

To print news accurately and regularly.

To make its pages an open forum for civic affairs.

To develop a staff of volunteer writers.

To create a Good Neighbor spirit, promote friendship, advance the common good and develop a Greenbelt philosophy of life. – November 24, 1937

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City Notes

Public Works staff met with the electrical contractor regarding the installation of new lights in the Community Center gym and other staff met with the Solar Task Force regarding potential solar opportunities.

Boys and Girls Club basketball practices are well underway at the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Correction

For our American Education Week series of articles, Pamela Gregory is the liaison with the schools.

The Old Curmudgeon



"Next year I'm planting evergreen trees..."

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Snippets from the Past

As this paper enters its 80th year of publication, we will be offering snippets from past issues. The item on page 4 appeared on the front page of November 17, 1949 issue of the *Greenbelt Cooperator*.

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On Screen

Return of the Roué?

Now in his late 70s, Warren Beatty returns to the big screen after a 15-year absence as the director, writer, producer and star of *Rules Don't Apply*, coming to the Old Greenbelt Theatre the day after Thanksgiving.

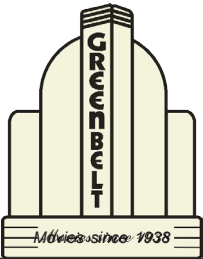
Beatty plays the reclusive, loony, control freak billionaire Howard Hughes who forbids romance between his employees, perhaps to monopolize the ladies for himself. So of course the sexually naive chauffeur Frank Forbes (Alden Ehrenreich) lusts after the virginal Baptist starlet Marla Mabrey (Lily Collins), but can he save Marla from ancient lecher Hughes?

The cast is packed with star power, often in cameo roles: Matthew Broderick, Candace Bergen, Steve Coogan, Alec Baldwin, Annette Bening, Martin Sheen, Ed Harris, Amy Madigan and Oliver Platt.

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- Jim Link



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Fri. 2:15, 5:15, 8:15 PM

Sat. 2:15, 5:15, 8:15 PM

Sun. 2:15 (OC), 5:15 PM

Mon. & Tues. 5:15, 8:15 PM

Wed. 2:15, 5:15, 8:15 PM

Thurs. 5:05 PM

DECONSTRUCTING THE
BEATLES' WHITE ALBUM
(90 min.)
Sun. 8:15 PM

STORYTIME ON SCREEN
Mon. 10:30 AM

Tournees Film Festival:
THE PEARL BUTTON
Thurs. 8:00 PM

Community Events

Panel on Refugees On November 30

Greenbelters and their neighbors in nearby communities are invited to a panel discussion about actions of welcome to refugees, past and present, on Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The panelists will include Linda Rabben, author of Sanctuary and Asylum: A Social and Political History, human rights activist and associate research professor of anthropology at the University of Maryland; Shruti Bhatnagar, coordinator of Takoma Park Welcoming Group for Syrian Families; and Mira Mendick, community resource coordinator for refugee and immigrant Maryland programs of Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area, which works with the U.S. State Department in resettling refugees in some areas of Prince George’s County.

In this election year laced with bitter remarks about minority and immigrant groups, the panelists will offer uplifting accounts of ordinary citizens’ quiet but persistent helpfulness to persecuted strangers. Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition is sponsoring the event as a follow-up to the Maryland Welcomes Refugees grassroots campaign begun last year, which won several official statements by local government bodies in favor of a humanitarian response to Syrian and other asylum seekers. The group and other partners have gone on to undertake practical projects serving the refugee families resettled in Maryland and Prince George’s County. They need more support than a visa and the federal funds made available via the State Department. How volunteers can help fill their needs will be a major theme of the panel discussion.

For more information contact Lucy Duff at justpeacepg@earthlink.net or 202-549-5574.

Community Relations Forum by CRAB

The Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) seeks to bring together citizens and police to hear concerns and foster a community that is respectful, safe and fair for all people. The board is hosting the first forum for public input on Tuesday, November 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School for residents of Franklin Park and Greenbelt Station. There will be additional forums to follow in Greenbelt East and in old Greenbelt as well as a separate youth forum. A form available at greenbeltnmd.gov/policecommunityform contains a survey and a box for comments for those not able to attend or who wish to avoid speaking publicly.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

Arts Advisory Board Meets December 6

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The main agenda item for this meeting is the election of a member representative to the Grant Review Panel that will evaluate applications for the Fiscal Year 2018 project and operating grants from community organizations. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltnmd.gov or 240-542-2057.

Put the Turkey In the Oven Ride

All are welcome to join Proteus Bicycles staff for a Thanksgiving Day ride on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Meet at Roosevelt Center by the New Deal Café at 11:30 a.m.; the ride will be 20 to 30 miles at a medium pace with rolling hills. Work out that family fun stress. For more information check facebook.com/proteusbicycles.

Grand Reopening For Lake Forebay

To celebrate the reopening of the forebays at Greenbelt Lake, the city’s Public Works Department is hosting an interactive tour of Greenbelt Lake and Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to noon.

For those who have questions about the construction around the lake, here are the answers. This is an opportunity to see the new and improved forebays at Greenbelt Lake. The Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and the Clean Water Partnership have been at work developing a sustainable environment and an eco-friendly habitat for amphibians. A presentation will start at 10 a.m. in the Public Works building, followed by a walking tour around the lake, with free refreshments and fun activities for the kids. This rain or shine event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact thecleanwaterpartnership.com or 301-861-0447.

Zero Waste Public Meeting on Dec. 6

The Prince George’s County Department of the Environment is holding a zero waste informational public meeting at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Tuesday, December 6, from 8 to 9 p.m.

The free meeting will feature discussion of the county’s plan and goals for reducing waste, potential strategies for zero waste in the county, and changes and ideas attendees would like to see concerning garbage, recycling and compost services.

The theater will open at 7:30 p.m. The concession stand will be open so attendees can purchase popcorn and the other treats before the meeting begins.

Forget Black Friday, Shop Crafts Saturday

Looking for a unique gift item? Enjoy browsing among creative crafty items? Shop at Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary’s Craft Fair on Saturday, November 26. Crafters are offering a variety of items from woodworking to fashion jewelry, gift baskets to fudge and holiday décor to warm winter accessories. There will be raffles and perhaps a book signing. The fair will be held in the main hall of Greenbelt Post 136 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no admission charge. So, avoid the mall madness, enjoy a hotdog or some chili and browse for that perfect gift.

At the Library

Ready 2 Read Storytimes: ages birth to 2, Thursdays, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15; ages 2 to 3, Thursdays, 4:15 p.m., limit 20; ages 3 to 5, Wednesdays, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

GHI Notes

Thursday, November 24, office closed (Thanksgiving Day). For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Friday, November 25, office closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Monday, November 28, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Office; 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room; 7:30 p.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, November 29, 3 p.m., Bylaws Task Force Meeting, Board Room;

7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, December 2, office closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of November 28 are as follows:

Monday, November 28: Meatloaf with gravy, butter beans, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fresh fruit, apple juice.

Tuesday, November 29: Sliced turkey with gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, cornbread, sliced pears, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, November 30: Hamburger, lettuce and tomato, crispy cubed potatoes, green peas, wheat hamburger bun, ketchup and mustard, crispy fruit treat, orange juice.

Thursday, December 1 and Friday, December 2: To be announced.

Lions Club to Host Breakfast with Santa

Greenbelt Lions Club, in conjunction with American Legion Post 136, will hold its annual Breakfast With Santa! on December 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 136, located at 6900 Greenbelt Road near Lakecrest Drive. Children 12 years or younger will be admitted free with paying adult; all other persons pay a small fee. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausages, eggs and beverages.

Donations to the American Legion’s Toys for Tots and the Greenbelt Lions Club’s Warm Clothes for Children in Need will be accepted. For more information call 301-474-8964.

PARCC Webinar December 8

Prince George’s County Public Schools will conduct an online webinar on Understanding Your Child’s Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Report on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Parents with children enrolled in grades 3 to 12 who took a PARCC assessment last school year will learn how to read their students’ results.

For more information, call 301-702-3860. To register online, go to surveytracker.net/scripts/survey.dll?AHID=08A00F.

PGCPS Solicits Feedback on Calendars

Prince George’s County Schools are asking for feedback on their proposed 2017-2018 school calendar. Under a new executive order, Maryland schools are required to begin after Labor Day and end before June 15. PGCPS has drafted two calendars, one with a post-Labor Day start, one with a late August start. PGCPS has posted both proposed calendars and a link to a survey on their webpage. To view the calendars and share your feedback, go to http://www1.pgcps.org and click on “2017-2018 Calendar Survey.” Feedback may be left through December 2.

Greenbelt Arts Center COMING SOON

SEUSSICAL



by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty
Directed by Jon Gardner
Music Directed by Mac Fancher
Choreographed by Rikki Howie Lacewell
Circus coached by Laura Adams

December 2, 3, 9, 16, 17 at 8PM
December 4, 10, 11, 18 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$25 General Admission,
\$22 Students/Seniors/Military,
\$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

Auditions - The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee - December 5 - 6
The Chromatics - December 10 - MUSICAL CONCERT
A Visit from Scarface - Jan 20 - Feb 11, 2017 - Directed by Keith Brown

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

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Snippets from the Past

Pilot Lacks Gas, Likes Lake, Lands

As this paper enters its 80th year of publication, we will be offering snippets from past issues. This item appeared on the front page of November 17, 1949 issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator.

The Greenbelt Lake has never looked more enchanting than it did to Ernest Frederick of Chestnut Hills, Massachusetts, as he flew over it in his seaplane last Wednesday. He was almost out of gas, just barely within the reach of the Potomac River, his destination. The proximity of Schrom Airport meant nothing to him, since his plane was equipped with pontoons, suitable for water landings only.

Frederick made an emergency landing on the lake at 1:30 p.m. in direct sight of Officer Austin Green, who was cruising nearby in a squad car.

After getting five gallons of gas at the Schrom airport, the pilot took off one hour later for Washington and the Potomac, chagrined perhaps at the delay in his trip, but probably quite happy that he had the opportunity to visit Greenbelt's lake.

Greenbelt Cub Scouts Explore Recycling



Members of Greenbelt Cub Scouts Pack 202 pose with their guest speaker, Connor Roessler, after his presentation on Greenbelt's recycling program.

On Thursday, October 27, Greenbelt Cub Scouts Pack 202 enjoyed a lesson in the three R's – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – thanks to Connor Roessler, a Fellow with the Chesapeake Conservation Corps working in partnership with the Greenbelt Public Works Department.

In addition to reinforcing what the scouts already knew about recycling, Roessler updated them on new guidelines for effective recycling. The Scouts played a variety of interactive games to better understand how to reduce waste, employ creative ways to reuse materials, and how to properly sort recyclables.

According to Roessler, one of the biggest challenges in creating and sustaining green communities is educating and engaging young people in recycling activities in hopes of creating a new generation of environmentalists.

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps, the Greenbelt Public Works Department and the scouts of Pack 202 are now on the right path.

Cub Scouts Pack 202 meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Community Church. For more information about pack activities and membership visit www.pack202.org.

Drop us a Line!

Electronically, that is.
editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com

Renovation of Lake Forebays Provides Multiple Benefits

by Erin Josephitis

The forebays upstream of Greenbelt Lake provide a variety of environmental benefits. The main purpose of a forebay is to act as a filter, allowing sediment to settle from incoming stormwater runoff before it is deposited in a larger body of water. Forebays also serve to mitigate flooding and to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

Similar to an air filter, forebays need to be cleaned periodically. The Clean Water Partnership construction project at Greenbelt Lake dredged the forebays of accumulated sediment. The completed project will serve to treat a total of 300 acres of impervious surface runoff in Greenbelt.

Why are the forebays needed? Even though runoff and sedimentation are naturally occurring processes, human-related runoff and sedimentation have a much more serious impact on fish, animals, plants and people. Specifically, impervious surfaces (streets, sidewalks, parking lots, rooftops) lead to polluted stormwater runoff because they eliminate rainwater infiltration and groundwater recharge. Because stormwater flows over impervious surfaces directly into a water body or storm drain, there is no opportunity for soil and plants or a water treatment facility to filter out pollutants. The forebays provide this opportunity.

In order to better maintain the forebays for years to come, the City of Greenbelt aims to reduce the amount of polluted runoff entering the forebays that drain to Greenbelt Lake. The presence of stormwater best management practices on highly visible city property serves to engage and inspire residents to take green steps that protect the environment.

Some of the city's green infrastructure demonstration projects include a permeable parking lot surface at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, as well as rain cisterns and a bioswale outside of the Youth Center.

The City of Greenbelt encourages individuals to follow these practices to reduce the amount of polluted stormwater runoff entering the forebays:

1. Build urban structures to make them function more like naturally pervious soils. Residents, businesses and non-profits can be reimbursed for installing watershed best management practices that help to filter polluted stormwater runoff through Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program. Protect the forebays upstream from Greenbelt Lake by planting trees and rain



PHOTO BY ERIN JOSEPHITIS

The forebay project at Greenbelt Lake is now completed.

gardens, connecting rain barrels and cisterns to downspouts, installing green roofs and permeable pavement, and removing impermeable pavement on your property. Be on the lookout for a free rain barrel workshop hosted by Public Works Department in partnership with the county's Department of Environment coming in spring of 2017.

2. Clean up after your dog. Pet waste left anywhere is a potential public health risk. Pet waste on playing fields, sidewalks or parks can be unhealthy and messy. Even at home, responsible pet owners should throw pet waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet to prevent water pollution associated with bacterial-laden waste. Less dog waste in the watershed means a happier and healthier community for all.

3. Limit fertilizer or pesticide use. Consider composting as an environmentally-friendly alternative soil amendment option.

4. Prevent litter. Cigarette butts are the most common litter along local waterways. One cigarette filter can take over 18 months to break down, making it a real threat to wildlife health. In a recent study, when cigarette butts were allowed to soak in fresh and saltwater at a concentration of one butt per liter, half of the fish exposed to the water died.

5. Prevent, prepare and clean up motor oil spills. Observe proper handling and disposal practices. Greenbelt residents may drop off used motor oil at the recycling facility at 555 Crescent Road. Never dispose of motor oil by pouring it onto the ground or into a sewer, street drain, stream or other water body, or putting it into the trash. When dispensing motor oil into a portable can, use only an approved container. When transporting motor oil in a portable container make sure the

container is secure from tipping and sliding, and never leave it in direct sunlight or in the trunk of a car.

The Public Works staff is trained to follow watershed best management practices for land care, mowing, fertilizer and pesticide use, cleaning up motor oil and engaging the community to help protect the environment. Public Works invites residents to participate in community shoreline cleanups and tree protection workdays, among other service-learning opportunities.

Learn even more at the grand re-opening of the forebays at Greenbelt Lake on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet inside of Public Works at 10 a.m. for a brief presentation followed by a tour of the forebays and Greenbelt Lake. For more information, visit the-cleanwaterpartnership.com or call 301-861-0447. Finally, spread the word about ways the community can play a key role in upstream remediation projects to protect the forebays, Greenbelt Lake, the Anacostia Watershed and the greater Chesapeake Bay.

Erin Josephitis is the environmental coordinator in Greenbelt's Department of Public Works.



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Fantastical Magical Circus Is Coming to Arts Center

Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical circus! All your favorite Dr. Seuss characters come to life and transport you from the jungle of Nool to the invisible world of the Whos, while the Circus McGurkus fills the stage with unicycles, juggling, acrobatics and more! Join The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, The Grinch and others in a heart-warming musical circus adventure suitable for all ages. Will Horton Hatch the Egg and save the Whos from the Sour Kangaroo? Will Jojo get home safely from the butter battle? There's no guarantee, so come and see! This holiday season, use the "brains in your head and feet in your shoes" to steer yourself and your family in the direction of Greenbelt Arts

Center for songs such as How Lucky You Are, It's Possible, Amazing Mayzie, and Alone in the Universe. Oh the thinks you can think, when you think about Seuss.

This production is directed by Jon Gardner, with music directed by Mac Fancher, choreography by Rikki Howie Lacewell and circus performers coached by Laura Adams.

Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, December 2, 3, 9, 16, 17 at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 10 at 2 p.m. and on Sundays, December 4, 10, 11, 18 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 301-441-8770, visit www.greenbeltartscenter.org, or email info@greenbeltartscenter.org.



Greenbelt resident Steve Yednock plays the Cat in the Hat, and 8-year-old Courtney Harris plays JoJo in Seussical at Greenbelt Arts Center.

Photos by Jon Gardner



Greenbelters Jim Pasquale and Marie Nearing play the Who Mayor and his wife.



Wickersham Brothers John Carter and Joey Rolandelli tease Horton (Robert Gudaskas).

Non-Recyclable Items Can Upcycle Into New Products

by Connor Roessler

Greenbelters will now have an opportunity to drop off materials that cannot currently be recycled for TerraCycle to turn into new products, thanks to the Jim Casels Community Service award presented to the Green Team's Zero Waste Circle in partnership with Greenbelt Department of Public Works. The award is presented annually to a new project or activity that benefits the Greenbelt community in the form of a \$1,200 grant. A Baltimore Gas & Electric grant from the Alice Ferguson Foundation also helped kick off this litter-reduction project.

With the use of the Jim Casels grant, Public Works will construct a permanent drop-off center where Greenbelt residents can drop off items that cannot currently be recycled. The center will be at 555 Crescent Road, adjacent to Buddy Attick Park and, like the current recycling center, will be accessible and free to the public. Materials accepted at the TerraCycle drop-off will include energy bar wrappers, Brita and Pur water filters and more announced at a later date. The goal of the TerraCycle center is to provide a sustainable alternative to discarding materials that cannot be recycled in Greenbelt's curbside pickup.

TerraCycle is a small business in New Jersey that creates products from hard-to-recycle waste, a process known as upcycling. Similar to recycling, upcycling ensures that waste is reused. Instead of returning the waste material into component parts (melting a plastic bottle into plastic to make new bottles, for example), upcycling uses whole waste items to make new products. These new products range from tote bags and pencil pouches to coasters, clocks and bird feeders and are for sale to consumers. Upcycling helps to reduce the amount of material that is sent to landfills and incinerators. Since landfills contaminate waterways and take space from wildlife, and incinerators cause air pollution and health risks, upcycling is a great way to help the environment.

The Green Team's Zero Waste Circle is a sub-committee of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and the Green Team. Their mission is to inspire individuals, organizations and the City of Greenbelt to reduce consumption, reduce waste going to the landfill, change the way in which resources are used, increase resource recovery ef-



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Examples of products made by TerraCycle with reused materials

orts and change behaviors to lessen our negative impact on the earth. The Green Team's Zero Waste Circle in partnership with Public Works has provided zero waste education and outreach at many of Greenbelt's festivals and events.

For more information about

TerraCycle and the TerraCycle Center contact Erin Josephitis, the environmental coordinator at the Department of Public Works (erosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168).

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.

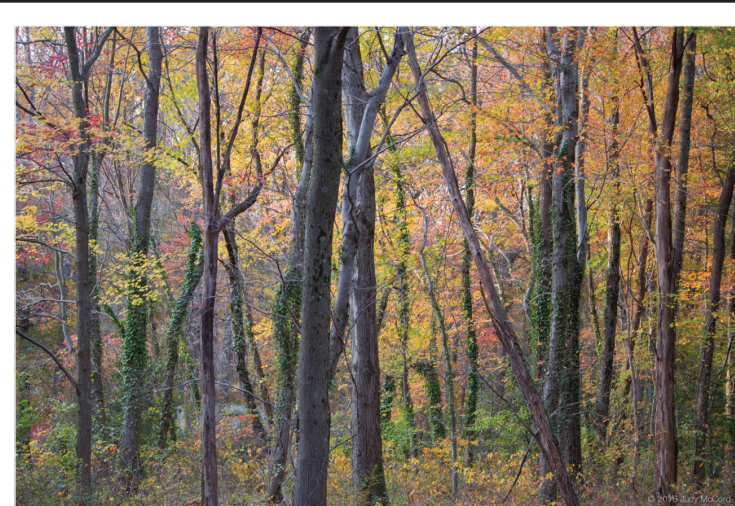


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Autumn foliage is on the wane at Buddy Attick Park.



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Obituaries

Erica Herling Kropp

Erica Herling Kropp, daughter of Albert and Frances Herling, sister of Karene Herling Lagrone and Konrad Herling, and mother of Bryan Magrum, died Monday, November 14, 2016 after a brave six-month battle with leukemia.

Erica possessed an independent spirit and was a steadfast champion of the underdog. As a child growing up in Greenbelt, she took full advantage of the recreational opportunities available in the community. As an adult she made siblings and friends alike feel relaxed and comfortable discussing virtually any topic. She loved the arts and animals – she was determined to be a veterinarian in her early years. However, as she progressed in her career, she demonstrated skills in the contracting processes and financial organization, and also showed a deep interest in the sciences. She was able to combine her assets at the University of Maryland Office of Research Administration and Advancement at College Park and later at the Cambridge campus. Initially as a financial manager, she rose to office director in 1994. Under her leadership, her office raised over \$2 million in her first year for research projects. Erica never took sole ownership of the credit, be it with family or with her colleagues at work. She always emphasized that it was a team effort that made things happen.

In addition to her work responsibilities, Erica took classes over a 20-year period to earn a B.A. degree, and raised her son, Bryan Magrum, whose father is the late James Magrum. In 1999 Erica remarried Charles (Chuck) Kropp, who worked at the Goddard Space Flight Center until his retirement. His intelligence, sense of humor and love of art and travel matched perfectly with Erica's. Their trips abroad included France, Italy and other parts of Europe. When traveling in the U.S. they would make it an objective to reach the highest point of the state they visited.

In 2004 Erica transferred to the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) Office of Research Administration and Advancement, stepping in as acting vice president for that office. UMCES President Don Boesch in a recent tribute wrote that Erica "trans-

formed and professionalized" the operation. As a result, the UMCES president "asked her to take over the job on a regular basis."

Erica retired a year ago in November of 2015. At her retirement party, her colleagues not only praised her work, but changed the lyrics of Paul Simon's song, "50 Ways to Leave her Lover" to "50 Ways to Make Her Stay Here," as they did not want her to retire. In her gracious comments Erica emphasized team work as a major contribution to the organization's success.

For most of her challenges with leukemia she kept a "thumbs up" attitude which was an inspiration to her family, friends and relatives. It was the last few weeks of her life in which she lost the battle.

A closed family service will be held Sunday, November 27. The University of Maryland will hold a service for the public sometime in the spring of next year – date to be determined.

- Konrad Herling and Karene Herling Lagrone

Mowatt Advent Study

This Advent season, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church (MMUMC) will offer a study based on The Redemption of Scrooge by Matt Rawle. The remembrance of Christmas past, the life of Christmas present and the hope of Christmas future will be considered. Using the Dickens classic tale, Scrooge's despair with his fate in life and that of our own will be pondered. Scriptural references will heighten an understanding of the season. The study will start Sunday at 9 a.m., led by Ellen Noll. It will continue in the 10 a.m. Sunday service led by Pastor Fay Lundin.

If all that Sunday Scrooge redemption isn't enough, on Friday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. the church will present its Christmas Cantata. Mowatt MUMC is located at 40 Ridge Road. All are welcome. Call 301-474-9210 or visit the church's website for more details.

In Memoriam

Erica Kropp

by Don Boesch

Our beloved colleague Erica Kropp died Monday, November 14, 2016, after a short but very intense battle with acute leukemia.

After joining the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) 11 years ago, following a long stint at the University of Maryland College Park, Erica transformed and professionalized the UMCES Office of Research Administration and Advancement. She stepped in to serve as acting vice president for administration and made such a huge difference that I asked her to take over the job on a regular basis.

Erica's dedication to whatever she was asked to do was exemplary. She became more than just a professional colleague, but a true friend and a role model for a positive outlook on life. I am sure many of you had the same experience.

Erica Kropp made many contributions to UMCES and the University System of Maryland even after her postponed retirement just a year ago. Unfortunately, because of the diagnosis of her illness soon thereafter, she was not allowed the travel experiences that she had planned and the sustained enjoyment that she so richly deserved.

Her positive attitude was evident throughout her illness, often including "thumbs-up" and "heart" emojis in her messages to her friends while she was being severely challenged.

Erica's memorial service is being planned for family-only but UMCES and our university friends will be planning a "celebration of service" in Erica's honor in the near future.

Erica Herling Kropp is the daughter of the late Albert and Frances Herling, sister of Konrad. She grew up in Greenbelt.

The Greenbelt News Review wishes its readers a delightful Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to Aaron Solomon on the selection of his project for the International Space Station. Aaron is the son of Nancy Solomon, market master of the Greenbelt Farmers Market.

Share your news for the next Our Neighbors column by sending details of your news to kryo-ho@comcast.net, or call 202-957-3072.

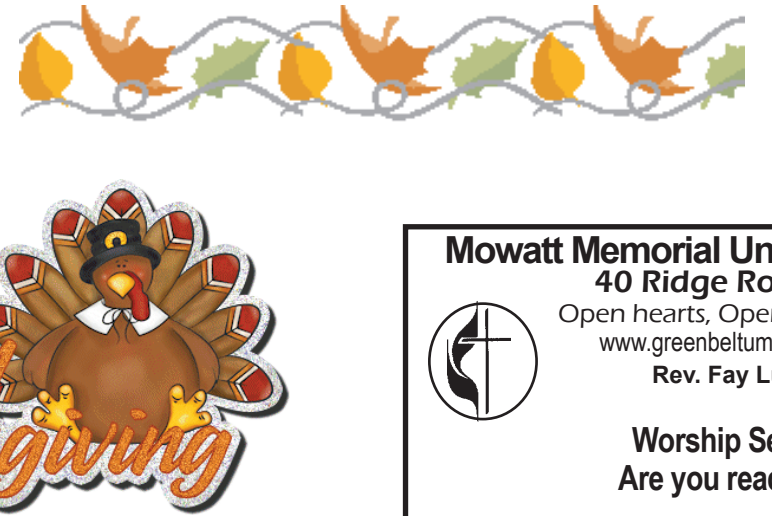
- Karen Yoho

The Clarice Presents A Bach Cantata

The Grand Pavilion at The Clarice (University of Maryland) will be the site of a free concert featuring the Bach Cantata: Erschallet, ihr Lieder, BWV 172 on Thursday, December 1 at 1:30 p.m. Written in 1714, this cantata emphasizes the festive character of the Pentecost text and was performed at least four times throughout Bach's life. In the opening chorus, cast in pure da capo form (repeated from the beginning of the piece), the trumpets, with timpani as their bass instrument, and the strings plus oboe form antiphonal (playing alternately) choirs of instruments, to which the vocal choir is added as a third participant after the introductory ritornello (a recurring passage in baroque music). The concluding chorale features an independent fifth part for the first violin to the four-part choral texture.



Great Egret at the Lake





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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor

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November 30. 7:30pm

101 Greenhill Rd.
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301-474-4212

Upcoming Events At The New Deal

Coming in December: New Restaurant Management! Including new and varying menu, friendly co-op restaurant staff, expanded hours. But with the same great music and bar! Plus an early 2017 Morning Coffee and Espresso Bar. Wednesday, November 23, singer/songwriter Betty Ladas performs country-flavored originals from 7 to 9 p.m. with special guest Eamon Clifford.

Thursday, November 24, the Café will be closed.

Friday, November 25, John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Anthony “Swamp Dog” Clark Band offers up masterful blues music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 26, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in this community jazz session. Guernsey plays classic American standards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Slow Lights, a Baltimore band, blends indie, rock and soul music for a unique sound from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

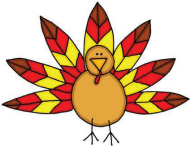
Sunday, November 27, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., join deaf and hearing people socializing together using sign language at the Deaf Brunch. Newcomers welcome! Visit us on Facebook. Dragonsong, an organic and unique collaborative World Music and Belly Dance ensemble, plays from 5 to 8 p.m.

Monday, November 28, 6:30 to 9 p.m., New Deal Café Board Meeting. Members and visitors welcome.

Cancer Screenings At Doctors Hospital

Regular medical screenings are among the best ways to prevent some forms of cancer or detect them early, when they are most treatable. Doctors Community Hospital has two programs that provide life-saving cancer screenings at no cost. The breast and cervical cancer screening program is for Maryland woman ages 40 or older who are uninsured, underinsured, or insured but not screened and on a limited income. The colorectal cancer screening program is for Prince George’s County residents ages 50 or older, or those who are younger than 50 with family histories of colorectal cancer, who are uninsured or underinsured.

The screenings take place at Doctors Community Hospital on Good Luck Road in Lanham, just off of Hanover Parkway. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 301-DCH-4YOU (301-324-4968) or visit DCHweb.org.



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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, November 28, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
 - Municipal Government Month Proclamation
 - Recycle Right Awards
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Repeal Section 19-2 “Grants for Certain Renters by Reason of Age and Income” and Reenact Section 19-2 “Grants for Certain Renters” of Chapter 19 “Taxation” of the Greenbelt City Code - 1st Reading
- A Resolution to Support the Prince George’s County Municipal Collaboration Fiscal Year 2017 Grant Applications for Maryland Energy Administration Empower LMI Communities Grant Program and the Department of Housing and Community Development Community Legacy Grant -1st Reading
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Dodge Caravan from Criswell Automotive of Gaithersburg, Maryland at a Cost of \$29,332 -1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Voting Age
- Approval of Naming Policy for Certain City Spaces
- Letter of Support – Appointment to National League of Cities Council on Youth, Education and Families
- 2017 Legislative Program
- Council Reports
- *- Friends of Greenbelt Theater – Temporary Use of Capital Contribution
- *- Letter to Prince George’s County Board of Elections
 - Election Day Issues
- *- Letter to Maryland Department of Health – Cell Phone Radiation Concern
- *- Request for Use of City Facilities
- *- Appointment to Advisory Group
- *- Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- *- Resignation from Advisory Group
- *- Employee Special Holiday

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

greenbelt festival of lights

juried art and craft fair

saturday, dec. 3, 10am-5pm
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SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE OF FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS EVENTS ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS ISSUE!

Want to read about what went on over the past week? Greenbelt City Round-up is featured weekly on our website at www.greenbeltmd.gov/Blog.aspx?CID=3

Check it out...it is a fun report with pictures, videos, info and more!
Happy Thanksgiving everybody!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee

For more info: cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 2

Monday, November 28 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, November 29 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 111. *On the Agenda: Old Business: Elections, Grant Review Panel handbook review and selection of SCAC representative, FORA/GAIL update, Widowed Persons update, Open Forum discussion. New Business: SCAC Meeting dates 2017. Announcements: December 2, 1pm, room 201 at Community Center: Musical Interlude with Kristin and Kaitlin, Trip lottery to be spun on 12/2, Non-resident registration begins 12/5, Festival of Lights programs*

Tuesday, November 29 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN TEAM** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles, Recommendations for the Sustainable Landcare policy, Upcoming events: November 30 – MDE Food recovery summit - daylong, December 3 – Grand re-opening of the forebays – 10 am 12 noon, December 6 – Zero Waste plan presentation by the County at the Greenbelt Theatre – 8 pm to 10 pm.*

Wednesday, November 30 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Transit** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Police Community Relations Forum

Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00pm
Springhill Lake Elementary School
6060 Springhill Drive, Multi-Purpose Room

The City of Greenbelt Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) is holding a series of forums where you can share your comments and concerns about the Police Community relations in the City of Greenbelt.

We want your input!

This is the first in a series of forums. If you can not attend, you may also provide your comments by filling out the survey accessible at greenbeltmd.gov/policecommunityforum

GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE FOREBAYS AT GREENBELT LAKE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016
10AM–12 NOON

GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE FOREBAYS AT GREENBELT LAKE

INTERACTIVE TOUR OF GREENBELT LAKE
Do you have questions about the construction around the lake? We have the answers for you. Here is your opportunity to see the new and improved forebays at Greenbelt Lake! The Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and the Clean Water Partnership have been at work developing a sustainable environment for you and an eco-friendly habitat for our amphibian friends. Come enjoy a presentation starting at 10 am in Public Works followed by a walking tour around the lake with free refreshments and fun activities for the kids. This rain or shine event is free and open to the public.

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Saturday, December 3, 2016
10AM–12 NOON

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Greenbelt History in Photos

Greenbelt History in Photos:
Isaac Walker’s Toaping Castle

By James Giese

(This is the seventh in a series of historic photograph presentations that help tell the story of Greenbelt’s early history. The photo of Toaping Castle is courtesy Greenbelt Museum from its collection of photographs first published in Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-87 and the recent one of the cemetery by Kyla Hanington. Much of the information is obtained from the prologue of the Greenbelt book which was written by Alan Virta.)

Scottish immigrant Isaac Walker patented land in the vicinity of the Golden Triangle in 1757 and named it Toaping Castle after his ancestral home. The original home was believed to have been built further up the hill. Isaac built a larger home in the late 1700s closer to the road to Branchville, now Greenbelt Road. The home remained in the family until purchased by the government. For many years it stood vacant until it was destroyed by fire around 1960. Foundation stones remain and are located

near the Pepco Toaping Castle substation.

The family graveyard is just uphill from Indian Springs in a small city park adjacent to the Beltway to the right rear of the parking garage at the end of Walker Drive. There are no remaining gravestones marking where a number of Walker family members and some slaves were buried. The Toaping Castle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have erected markers commemorating Isaac and his son Nathan as veterans of the American Revolution. There is also a plaque erected by the U. S. Government recognizing the burial of Isaac as a war veteran, but none for Nathan.

Isaac’s grandson, Colonel Samuel Hamilton Walker achieved fame as a Texas Ranger and for perfecting with Samuel Colt the Colt-Walker revolver, which became known as the gun of the West. That Walker died in battle during the Mexican-American War.



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Issac Walker's Toaping Castle

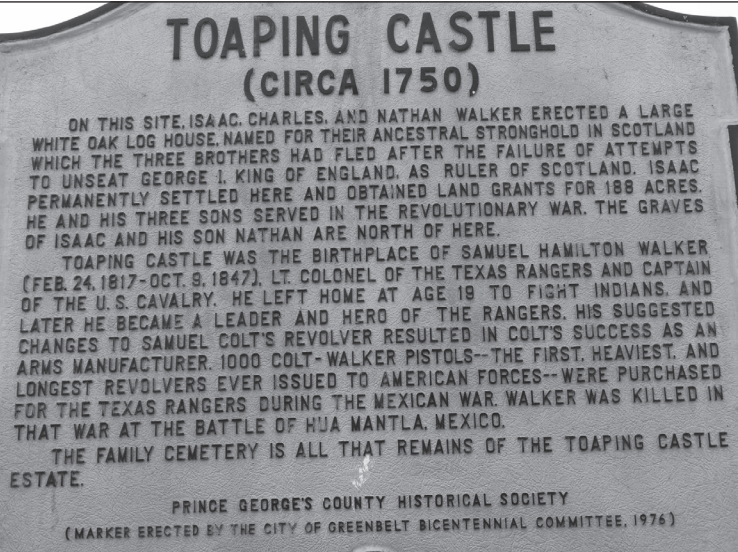


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This sign on Walker Drive describes Toaping Castle and the Walker family.

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City Hosts Snow Rodeo

by Amy Hansen

Greenbelt snow plows were out in force on November 16. The day was bright and sunny and there wasn’t a flake anywhere to be seen.

That was the idea, said Public Works Supervisor William Smith in a video posted on the city’s website. City workers participated in the Snow Rodeo in order to practice before the real white stuff starts falling.

“We’ve set up a little obstacle course out there,” Smith said in the video, showing off the cones in the parking lot next to the Municipal Building. “There’s a little trickery in it, but if they’re good enough drivers they should be able to figure out how to get through it without hitting a cone.”

The cones represent vehicles and those cones really restrict the snow plows’ path. Drivers



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Donald Davis tries the snow blower with Robbie Tripe, Brian Townsend, Nick Crosby and Mike Jawer looking on.

took little trucks and big trucks, Greenbelt trucks and Bladensburg trucks. A few cones came down. They went back up. Drivers tried

again. Real snow may be a long way off (or not), but the workers are ready.

Update on Worker Rescued
In Construction Accident

The construction worker who was trapped in a trench next to Greenbelt Lake has been released from the hospital, according to the Prince George’s County Fire Department. On November 16 at 1 p.m., firefighters and medics responded to a call for help. The worker was trapped “chest-deep in a 12-foot trench,” wrote Mark Brady of PGCFD. The trench was next to the construction site near the playground at Buddy Attick Park.

About 60 firefighters, medics and technical rescue personnel worked for about five hours freeing the man, Brady said.



Emergency vehicles respond to the trench accident at the Lake on November 16.



Photos by Gloria A. Brown

Emergency workers spent about five hours working to free the trapped construction worker.



AFRICAN FOOD

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- Jollof Rice
- Okra/Ogbono Soup
- Vegetable/Spinach Soup
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sometimes included in the information. Many of the activities are provided by the city and there is no charge for them.

If you are 60 years or older, there is the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. Greenbelt is very concerned and caring for the seniors that live here and there are several programs especially designed for them, such as exercise classes and staff members who are trained to work on needs that the elderly may require to enjoy a fuller life experience. The Golden Age Club has been a part of Greenbelt for many years. It meets once a week on Wednesdays and has meetings and speakers that talk about topics that would be of interest to the members. We play bingo, have pot luck lunches and share common interests with each other. Many of the functions are subsidized by the city.

If you have children, there are all kinds of programs for kids of all ages. The Activity Guide covers so many different things that it is a “must see” to appreciate how many things go on in this city.

We have an Aquatic & Fitness Center that is very modern with great swimming and exercise equipment available for those who want to keep in good shape. Roosevelt Center has a lovely newly renovated and restored movie theater with places to eat whether you want a sit down restaurant or to grab some pizza and sandwiches. Our co-op grocery store is a great place to shop and avoid the sometimes long lines of the big guys, and their selection of products and quality is excellent.

If you need a haircut, gasoline or car repair or want to play the lottery, it is all available in the town center, away from the crowded mall type of shopping.

So what I am saying is that there is so much for you to benefit from being a Greenbelter that it is a real shame not to take advantage of what is right at your fingertips. With just a little effort on your part, get an Activity Guide from the city at 15 Crescent Road or online at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation and read that book from cover to cover. Also look at the back cover, at all of the different clubs and contact names and phone numbers. It will guide you to a world of entertainment and enjoyment that is so readily available to you.

Did you know that if you are reading this in the Greenbelt News Review, it is 79 years old and it has some very interesting history of its own. Google it sometime and see what I mean!

Barry Moien

Film Focus Is Broader

The review article of some of the films of the Utopia Film Festival in the November 3 GNR did not accurately critique one of the films that I attended. The reviewer of the film *Our Last Stand* refers to the film as capturing “. . . some of the intense and complex conflicts of Christians in Iraq and Syria.” This gives the reader the impression this film only deals with conflict and turmoil between and among Christians in this region. This was definitely not the focus of this excellent hour-long film.

Our Last Stand, directed by

Jordan Allot, follows Helma, a Christian Assyrian-American school teacher from New York, who returns to her homeland in the summer of 2015 to visit war-torn villages, including her home village. She was able to track down some of her family members who still live in several villages. The purpose of the film was to raise awareness that the remaining populations of these Christian communities are determined to resist and fight against the Islamic State terrorists who have surrounded and decimated much of their homelands. The film also records the recent destruction of a number of Christian churches (Catholic and Orthodox) by ISIS.

Although many Christians and Yazidis have chosen to flee from this region to avoid persecution, torture, death and sexual enslavement by ISIS, many choose to stay. Helma, director Allot and their film crew interview these brave and determined villagers in their cause of resistance and defending their homelands. One can google *Our Last Stand* to view the films trailer, Helma’s bio and other information. Further information on the plight of the Yazidis who are also being enslaved or driven from their lands by ISIS can be found at yazda.org. Since 2014 over 4000 Yazidis have died at the hands of the Islamic State terrorists, and over 6000 women and children have been enslaved. Several hundred have escaped to tell of their plight.

Robert Snyder

Tour Features D.C. Historical Sites

A special tour, Noteworthy National Parks-a-Plenty, will be given by the staff at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, the Library of Congress and the United States Botanic Garden on Tuesday, November 29 and Thursday, December 1, both from noon to 2 p.m.

Come celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and the 50th anniversary of the passing of the National Historic Preservation Act. Learn about the history of the National Parks, the legislation that works to preserve the United States natural, cultural and historical resources and see artistic botanical representations of a variety of national parks and historic places as part of the 2016 Season’s Greenings exhibition.

The tour will meet in Emancipation Hall at the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center. Tour is free but pre-registration is required. Visit usbg.gov to register.

Some County Schools Benefit From Stormwater Retrofit

In July 2016, the Prince George’s County Clean Water Partnership (CWP) announced the launch of its CWP Schools Program, through which 18 Prince George’s County Public Schools, including Magnolia Elementary, were selected to receive new, environmentally friendly, stormwater retrofits to help manage area runoff.

Rain gardens, sand filters, bioswales and bioretention facilities are just some of the stormwater best management practices (BMP) now installed at the school sites. These recently completed installations will treat, manage and reduce stormwater runoff from school roofs, parking lots and other impervious surfaces and reduce the amount of stormwater pollution that enters into the Chesapeake Bay.

Educational signage and vol-

unteer student tree planting sessions are two other major elements of the program. Next to any given completed retrofit, instructive signage will help students understand how each installed BMP will perform at the site, with illustrations and information about the most common pollutants in stormwater runoff, as well as the benefits of utilizing that particular stormwater management practice. For example, a sign installed for a micro-bioretention facility explains how stormwater is filtered through the soil media and given time to infiltrate into the subgrade. As the water flows through the facility, pollutants are removed through a variety of physical and biological treatment processes.

Volunteer tree planting sessions were offered at each school. More than 50 county students

have participated in the educational sessions to date, helping them to better understand the importance of using green stormwater management practices to help reduce area runoff.

School staff and students, program partners and CWP team members participate in each tree planting session. Faculty members were also given a list of the trees planted on the school grounds to use for additional learning opportunities in the future. Benefits from the onsite plantings of trees, shrubs and other vegetation include stormwater volume reduction, nutrient uptakes and pollution removal. The program also gives students an opportunity to observe first-hand some of the innovative methods and techniques that are being used to help protect, preserve and restore our water.

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“After taking some heavy-duty accounting classes in the business school, I realized that wasn’t my thing,” chuckles O’Connell.

Inspired by a U.S. history college professor and his intellectually stimulating lectures, O’Connell found his niche during his junior year of college: he wanted to become a social studies educator. Once obtaining an education degree in social studies, he set foot toward ERHS as a teacher’s intern. What he didn’t know, but would later come to find out, is that he would spend the next 15 years of his career at ERHS, building relationships with his students and establishing a home.

“Every day, every class period is unique,” said O’Connell. “I find it interesting to meet and talk with all sorts of different kids with different backgrounds, and hopefully get them interested in social studies and history.”

O’Connell describes his bigger overarching goal as a teacher: helping kids become better students. “Obviously, I want them to know their history and learn social studies,” he said, “but if I can just help them be better students in general . . . to be excited to learn, to be passionate about learning.”

Many students feel O’Connell’s enthusiasm through his style of teaching and his ability to connect with students with his wicked sense of humor. Senior Kendall Bargeman works closely with him as a student aide and takes note of his dedicated relationship with students.

“He offers help when his students need it and he makes sure they understand the material,”

Bargeman states. “The students seem to like him a lot and they laugh at his jokes. He makes learning fun.”

“He’s a great teacher,” says junior Hannah Uche. “His lectures are really informative, and I do really well on the test just by listening to him.”

Senior Lawrence DeVaughn-Miller particularly enjoys the class discussions that takes place within the walls of the classroom, specifically because of the opportunity to voice his opinion on the topic that is being debated. “It feels like I have a voice in this class, which is nice,” he says.

While not only leading by example for the students he teaches, he sets an example for his teacher intern, Ashley Hernandez. Working closely to follow in his footsteps, Hernandez talks about one of the major lessons she learned in O’Connell’s classroom that she will utilize in her future career: to create a connection with her students.

“I think it’s important that you’re comfortable with who you are and you make sure that your students know that it’s okay to be who they are as well,” said Hernandez. “As a teacher you still want to establish yourself and have that respect in the classroom, but I think it’s also important to lay off sometimes and for people to have fun.”

Not only interested in academics, O’Connell has also coached various sports. For 12 years, he

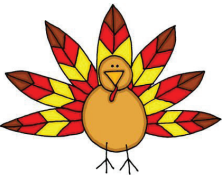
has coached the boys varsity basketball team as the head coach, and two years prior was the assistant head coach. Pushing the boys to persevere throughout each season, O’Connell has led them to the thrill of victory in two state championships. Along with varsity basketball, O’Connell also coached the tennis team for the past 11 years, but has recently stopped.

Nancy Vu is a student at ERHS.

Nature Tots: Gobble Gobble

On Tuesday, November 29 and Wednesday, November 30 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge children ages 3 and 4 can learn about November’s famous bird in this interactive program with stories, songs and crafts.

Public programs at the Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
November 10, 4:50 p.m., 5 Court Gardenway. A teen walking home from school passed two other teens when one of them approached him and told him to empty his pockets. When he refused, one of them pushed him to the ground. A passerby yelled at them, at which time they fled on foot toward Spellman Overpass. They are described as black males in their late teens, one 6’ to 6’1” tall with a thin build, wearing a red Helly Hansen jacket, and the other teen 5’10” to 5’11” tall with a medium build and short dreadlocks, wearing a black bubble coat and black shoes. The teen walking home was not injured.

Theft
November 9, 10:50 p.m., 7800 block Walker Drive. A desk clerk at the Hilton Garden Inn reported that two men came into the hotel lobby, where one man sat and the other went behind the counter and entered the management office. He rummaged through office drawers and then both men fled. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Counterfeit Currency
November 13, 4:24 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 22-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of counterfeit currency, and a 15-year-old nonresident teen who received some of it from her was released to a parent pending further investigation. When security officers detained the teen who had attempted to purchase merchandise with counterfeit currency, she stated that her sister had given her the money to purchase the merchandise. The sister had also been detained inside the store and was found to be in possession of additional counterfeit currency. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct
November 9, 11:36 p.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 26-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct following a physical altercation with another patron at TGI Fridays. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary
November 12, 6:11 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A woman was sleeping when she heard someone tampering with a window. She then saw someone attempting to force open a bedroom window. The person then fled.

November 15, 9:20 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Two televisions, two sound bars, a video game player and furniture were taken after a residence was entered by prying open the front door.

Vandalism
November 11, 9:55 p.m., 7100 block Megan Lane. The front steps and driveway of a residence were vandalized with paint, which was also put on the tires of a vehicle in the driveway.
November 15, 2:50 p.m., 100 block Centerway. Graffiti was written using a marker in the men’s bathroom at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Vehicle Crime
Two vehicles were stolen. On November 11, a grey 2007 Saturn Vue SUV with Md. tag 9CF7746 was stolen from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A black 1997 Ford F-150 pick up with Md. tag 1BX1568 was taken November 15 from the 9200 block Edmonston Road.

One stolen vehicle was recovered. A 2001 Lexus RX300 SUV with the keys in the ignition was taken from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive and recovered the next day, burned, on Route 704 near Whitfield Chapel Road in Lanham. Three possibly involved males seen near the vehicle prior to the theft are described as white, in their late teens, one 5’8” tall with a thin build, wearing a red hooded sweatshirt; another 5’11” tall with a medium build, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans; and the third 5’10” tall with a medium build, wearing a black ski mask.

Windows on ten vehicles were broken out on November 10, with items taken from four of them, including a baby stroller (5800 block Cherrywood Lane), GPS unit and case of water (5900 block Cherrywood Lane), laptop computer (6000 block Greenbelt Road) and a backpack, laptop computer and credit cards (7500 Hanover Parkway). In the latter case, a credit card was used later to make unauthorized purchases.

On November 11, a window was broken out in the 6100 block Greenbelt Road and a carry bag, notebook-type computer and head phones were taken.

Windows were broken out but nothing was taken from five vehicles, one in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road and four in the 5800 and 5900 blocks Cherrywood Lane, one of which also had a back seat slashed and a pair of sunglasses broken.

Two additional acts of vandalism occurred in the 200 block Lakeside Drive, where gas tanks were punctured. A person possibly involved was described by a witness as a black man, 5’6” tall, wearing a white T-shirt and white pants and no shoes.

Four thefts from vehicles were reported. Two sets of four tires and rims were taken from two vehicles in the 9200 block Edmonston Road. A passenger side view mirror was taken in the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

A rear license plate taken in the 8000 block Mandan Road was recovered the next day by Anne Arundel County police in the 1400 block Dorsey Road in Hanover, Md.

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Forgiveness: A Wonderful Gift

by Sara Nancy Johnston

To look back about my realistic experience of being hit on my left side of head with already purse gone of last year at this time. I was not aware of falling down on a sidewalk near my place. A man happened to see me and got me up and walked to a bench. At the time I was not aware of myself and asked him about my glasses I unconsciously wrote on a paper. Good thing my neighbor couple came by. They knew my deafness. Her husband read my paper about glasses. He decided to look and found a pair of glasses without any damage. I began to become more aware of myself and noticed my neighbor who wrote about an ambulance. First thing was that I asked her where my purse was. I noticed it was gone. I was completely shocked. The ambulance showed up and got myself carried inside the ambulance. I was brought to a local hospital. At the time my mind was not fully clear with a lot of blood all over me.

In the meantime the neighbor called police to investigate the area where it happened. Some pictures were taken for court evidence. They came to see one in the hospital. I had to interpret to them about my incident by using VRI which standing for Video Relay Interpretation.

Later my daughter Edna showed up and saw what condition I was in and started to cry. She was brave to hug me. She thanked police, nurses and doctors. Finally Edna took me home and decided to stay at my place for four hours. Then she returned back to her home.

Then next my oldest grandson Justin and his nice girlfriend Gwen greeted me with a big bouquet of lovely flowers. Wow! A big surprise from them after they found out about the happening of last night. It lifted my day.

Four days later on Sunday I attended the sign brunch at New Deal Café for a nice breakfast. Upon entering the Café, all of a

sudden almost all my deaf and hearing friends showed up at the same table. I was feeling overwhelmed. To my surprise, I got a big card with their signatures including money enough to cover the loss of money in my missing purse. Here came again to bolster my spirit from their generosity.

And my neighbors asked me if I needed help from them. And also one of them greeted me with a delicious soup she made. I shall never forget about their kindness for the rest of my life.

After several court appearances, it had not been easy for me to face reality before a young male youth during those proceedings. I found his mother who appeared to be sweet and nice. I understand how she was feeling about her son who did unfortunately happen to me. I could see his much suffering consequences of being jailed after he accepted his guilt. And his mother cried deeply as police handcuffed him and returned him back to jail.

Finally I am learning to forgive him who did to me after a

long process between the happening and forgiveness – eight months. Last July after the judge closed the case that must be for good. I asked my female interpreter to tell about my forgiveness to the youth and his sweet mother in the hall outside the courtroom. It was worthy of my time to forgive him that deeply touched his mother with her nice smile. Then I gave her and her son my hug. In addition to it, the youth said to my interpreter about his deep feeling of being sorry about what he did to me. He decided to get himself straightened out to become a better person. My forgiveness really touched the interpreter too.

Therefore I find myself worthy at living in the nice community of Greenbelt where I have lived for 50 years. The experience of the incident helped me realize about the residents as friendly neighbors by their caring and helping each other by terms of being fair and just through their consequences.

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explained “One of the biggest challenges was to stabilize the RNA so that it can be sequenced.” Normally RNA degrades in hours and this product protects the RNA. “It is a combination of buffers which stabilizes it up to seven days.” The team members should get their bacteria back “within four days following the addition of the RNAprotect,” said Solomon. “As soon as it comes back down we are doing the sequencing.” They are budgeting for one to five days to run the RNA on the DNA sequencer at the University of Maryland.

The completion of this experiment is likely to coincide with the graduation ceremonies of these young men. Kazansky said, “This is our celebration for our graduation. We will be dropping

things out of the sky. Some people celebrate with fireworks; we celebrate with \$60 million rockets.”

There also seems to be a bit of dream fulfillment for these men. Solomon said, “If you were to walk into my room right now and look up you would see a big SpaceX flag plastering the wall. I mean, my four-year-old costume was an astronaut.” But this also isn’t just about getting to see a live space launch, which they will be flown down for. “There is a renewed culture interest in looking beyond the here and now of Earth. Being able to contribute to that research and further that exploration is incredibly rewarding. It is something as an undergraduate you never hope to have,” Kazansky concluded.

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FALL GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Gilbert Construction & DCG Gutter Cleaning are the contractors performing GHI’s fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week beginning November 28th , work will be in this approximate area (weather permitting):

Crescent Courts 56-62
Ridge Courts 29-48
Eastway Courts 1-5
Gardenway Court 1, 3-5

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You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 or email pjoseph@ghi.coop if you have any questions or comments.



From Weedy Street Corner To Hardy Demo Garden

by Susan Harris



Paul Downs and Susan Barnett helped create a demonstration garden at the corner of Ridge Road and Westway. Susan Harris led the project.

The following was originally published on *GreenbeltLive.com*, the blog of Susan Harris. The *News Review* thanks Ms. Harris for her permission to reprint it here.

Did you ever notice a weedy mess at the corner of Westway and Ridge Road, diagonal from Mishkan Torah? Weed shrubs were blocking driver visibility – my visibility, since this corner was on my regular route home. Walking by, I noticed that the dominant plant was poison ivy. The whole thing began to really annoy me.

So in August I started clearing the spot of all the climbing vines and assorted weeds, fallen branches and trash buried beneath it all. It was good, wholesome exercise for the most part – the exception being the 10 or so wasp stings and the poison ivy I encountered, despite my best precautions.

After the wasp attacks I stayed away for a while, hoping that they’d die. Sure enough, after a couple of cool evenings they were just a bad memory, and the month of October was great for planting.

The plants are all full-grown and donated – the best kind of plants! Toward the back are six large carexes (they look like ornamental grasses) and a spirea variety called Ogon. Its willow-like chartreuse leaves make it a focal point for most of the year. In the foreground is another

carex, a much shorter one called Ice Dance that I’ve grown for 30 years. It looks like variegated liriopoe but fills in more quickly. And I happened to have plenty of it.

Coming next season are blooms of daffodils, black-eyed Susans (our state flower), day-lilies and an unidentified tall sedum.

The Susans and sedums, big clumps of them, were “passalong” plants from the awesome garden of Mary Lou Williamson. She also purchased some daffodils for the spot. More plants were donated by Connie Davis, Lola Skolnik and Dorrie Bates. Actually, the makeover would have been impossible without another donation from Dorrie and Richard Bates – the use of their water during this long drought we’re in.

Someone else who helped was Ronnie Sookram, manager of maintenance for GHI. He happened to drive by and see me working on the spot and stopped to offer help – despite this being city property, not GHI – and I took him up on his generous offer. He supplied 2 yards of mulch and critically, the boards and stakes you see here that will, we hope, hold the soil in place until the plants fill in.

And before planting anything here I needed permission from Brian Townsend, Greenbelt’s Horticulture Supervisor. Brian approved the makeover and, to improve driver visibility even more, scheduled the removal of

a few weed trees near the street. Also, he was enthusiastic about the plants donated for the site.

When a neighbor asked why I was doing all this I could only answer: “To make it pretty.”

But there’s another reason – to create a low-maintenance demonstration garden that might help other gardeners and gardener-wannabees create gardens that are pretty with almost no work. So the plants here are drought-tolerant enough to survive with no supplemental watering after their roots have settled in – in this case by next spring. And of course no fertilizers or pesticides will be needed. There will be quite a bit of weeding to do next year but very little in subsequent years after the groundcover plants have filled in and there’s no more disturbance of the soil to bring weed seeds to the surface.

My years of gardening and especially garden-coaching have taught me that the secret to creating low-maintenance gardens is the use of shrubs and small trees, groundcovers that really cover the ground – all year – and masses of super-tough, trouble-free perennials like the ones you see here. Oh, and daffodils – because the critters don’t eat them and most of them last forever.



Greenbelt Rotary Dedicates Butterfly Garden

by Anne Wallace



Rotarians dedicate butterfly garden: Rotary President Louis Pope, Rene Sewell-Rayson and Helen Svensen.

On Monday, November 21, the Greenbelt Rotary Club formally dedicated the Butterfly Garden at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Councilmember and educator Silke Pope, also a Springhill Lake Elementary special education teacher, thanked the club and noted how engaged the students have become in the garden. Greenbelt Rotary President Louis Pope thanked all who have been involved in the project and particularly mentioned the assistance of the City of Greenbelt in procuring new signage.



Flowers bloom in the Rotarians' butterfly garden.

The garden, when in season, provides a haven for monarch butterflies and other pollinators essential to ecological balance. The project has been spearheaded by Rotarians Helen Svensen and John Ujhazy since 2012. According to Svensen, “It’s taken a lot of effort from many people over the last four years, but we think the garden is now a real asset for the school children. It’s a wonderful civic improvement and a place for the entire community to enjoy.”

The Butterfly Garden has also been a community-wide effort, engaging the efforts of high school volunteers, experts from the University of Maryland, school administrators, teachers

who have incorporated the life cycle of the butterfly into their lesson plans, students, parents, neighbors and, of course, the butterflies themselves.

Although now in the grip of blustery weather, the plantings will emerge again in the spring when neighbors and friends are invited to join in the continuing work of garden creation. Projects on the horizon include permanent garbage disposal facilities and some seating arrangements to make the garden a park for all the community to sit and enjoy.

The Greenbelt Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 7:45 a.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott Hotel and may be reached at greenbeltrotary.org.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 1, 2016

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. GHI Regular Open Session Open Session Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

1. Presentation of Awards for Architectural & Review Committee’s Garden Contest
2. Membership Survey Proposed by the Yard Solutions Taskforce.
3. Expenditure Authorization for the 2017 Operating Budget- 1st Reading.
4. Request by Members to Install Sewer Back-up Protection Systems in Larger Townhomes.
5. Establish Date and Review Draft Agenda for a Membership Town Hall Meeting
6. Consider GHI’s Response to WSSC’s Letter re: Replacement of Water Piping for Masonry Units



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Educator: Be Someone You'd Be Proud to Know

by Chris Miller

Chrystal Christian is a paraprofessional educator at Turning Point Academy (TPA). She divides her time between teaching and administrative duty, specifically filing papers and organizing the main office.



Chrystal Christian

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER MILLER

middle school as a bookkeeper.

"She constantly said, 'Chrystal, you would make a good teacher, you have so much patience,'" Christian said.

She worked as an art instructor helping kids at a recreation center in Oxon Hill before coming to TPA in 2015. Her

She teaches kindergarten through fifth grade students and she loves working with young children. She gets a text each morning from the administration detailing which students she will work with that day.

"Her work ethic is outstanding, she's a team player, an awesome role model and she is truly vested in the education of our young people," said Principal Rhonda Clomax.

"I get over 600 hellos from the students every day," Christian said.

Christian graduated from Bowie State University in 2013, majoring in business. Most of her family members work in Prince George's County Public Schools and they inspired her to teach – especially her grandmother. Her grandmother worked at her

experience as an art instructor really solidified her decision to pursue education. "From there, I just felt a passion towards working with kids."

Last year, in her first year as a teacher at TPA, Christian organized an after-school fashion program for middle school girls and even entered the girls in a local fashion competition for Prince George's County middle schools. "I treat these kids like they are mine," she said.

She teaches her students a simple message: "Be someone you would be proud to know."

She seems to be following her own message.

Chris Miller is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

Betty Moore Learns From Her Students

by Chris Miller

Betty Moore is a special education paraprofessional teacher at Turning Point Academy (TPA). She has worked at TPA for 10 years.

Her role is to help special needs students with math and reading. She specifically works with four children – three kindergarten-ers and one first grader – pulling them out of their normal classrooms and reinforcing the lessons that their teachers taught that day.

She is currently helping her students make their own book, entitled "I like to ...," where the students choose a word to complete each sentence. She reinforces finger spacing (putting a finger-width space between words) when writing the sentences, as well as capitalization at the beginning of the sentence and putting periods at the end of the sentence.

"She is dedicated and hard-working and believes in and supports the vision and mission of the school," said Principal Rhonda Clomax. For Moore, one of the most rewarding parts of being a teacher is "seeing them when that little light comes on in their eyes, when they get it."



Betty Moore

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Moore started working with young children at daycare at her church, City of Praise Family Ministries, and was there for six years before coming to TPA. She received her bachelor of science in child and adolescent studies at Bowie

State University in 2015 and is currently working toward her master's in school counseling, also at Bowie.

One of the things Moore enjoys most is simply learning from her students. "Some things I've actually looked up because they told me something I didn't know," she said.

"Every day is different," she says. "They give you something to laugh at, then they give you something you can think about. They actually do teach you, if you're willing to learn."

She believes that each child is a gem, and with proper molding and polishing, "we help to turn them into diamonds. You're molding the children every day."

Chris Miller is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

Greenbelt Art and Craft Fair Showcases Artists, Non-Profits

by Nicole DeWald

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Art Program's 2016 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair promises an impressive array of handmade wares by local artisans, plus a hands-on workshop, prize drawing, live music, open studios and more. This event takes place at the Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. Parking and admission are free. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Art and Craft Fair will showcase the talents of about seventy new and returning regional artists, artisans and authors. Visitors will find beautiful and useful gifts for all occasions. A wide selection of functional pottery and ceramic art will be presented by artists in residence, instructors and participants in the Recreation Department's robust ceramics program. Additional wares will include hats, scarves, bags, jewelry, drums, cigar box guitars, glass ware, paintings, photography, assemblages, books, notecards, bath and body products and more.

The fair has much to offer for little ones this season such as hand-made clothes and toys – even turned wood magic wands by new exhibitor Lee Correll. Children's crafts will be offered by individual youth entrepreneurs and by non-profit groups serving local children. Service organizations will include both Girl Scouts and the Refugee Youth Project, which provides academic and social support for almost 300

new Marylanders annually.

Three additional non-profit organizations will enable shoppers to extend their holiday cheer to the broader community. Gift cards, memberships and T-shirts will be available from Friends of Greenbelt Theatre, which operates the city's historic cinema in Roosevelt Center. Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, which sponsors free local history programs throughout the year, will offer a delightful array of wares with vintage flair in addition to Museum memberships. A café will operate during all fair hours, sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center.

On Saturday, December 3, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Band performs from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the gym.



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Jewelry by Lisa Logan-Roussell will be on sale at the fair.



PHOTO BY PERCY MEDINA

Carved gourds by Percy Medina

Free Asian Music Performed at UMD

The Clarice will host a Gamelan and Koto concert on Friday, December 2 at 8 p.m. in the Kay Theatre. The complex interlocking rhythms of Balinese music on percussive instruments, the myriad expressions and the delicate motions of Balinese dance unite in the UMD Gamelan Saraswati. The quiet beauty, simplicity and harmonizing effect of Japanese nature are revealed in the music of the UMD Koto Ensemble.



Watkins Annual Festival of Lights

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The Festival of Lights starts Friday, November 25 and continues through Sunday, January 1 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. There is a cash-only fee that depends on the vehicle size. For more information and a preview of the Winter Festival of Lights, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5txbbh0qeGY> or visit www.pg parks.com. Hayrides are by reservation only. Call 301-218-6770.

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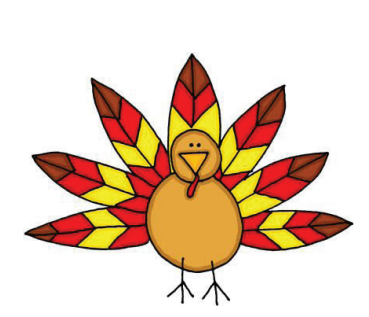
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spring and oversees senior interns who work at institutions such as the University of Maryland and NASA while conducting research for their senior projects.

Prior to teaching at ERHS, Twu attended National Taiwan University, where she worked as a teaching assistant for two years after graduating. She then attended graduate school at the University of Virginia, where she was also a teaching assistant, and then worked as a teaching associate at Cornell University for one year. Nine years later, she began teaching at ERHS and has stayed ever since.

“I thought about the things I liked to do before, and I always liked teaching,” she explained.

But why physics in particular? “The physics laws are really simple,” she explained. “I just have to figure out how to apply those very simple laws,” adding with a laugh that there are “not a whole lot of things to memorize” and “a lot of the problems are like puzzles.”

A key part of Twu’s teaching style is her use of the flipped classroom teaching method, in which students view instructional content at home and complete exercises and review the content at school, according to the nonprofit association Educause. Twu’s lessons take the form of YouTube videos she films and edits herself, including lectures, demonstrations and practice problems. These are used for her algebra-based AP Physics classes.

“The year before I started making videos, I had a student who was hard-of-hearing in my AP Physics B class,” Twu said when asked about her decision to start making the videos, in May 2012. “She had really good spirit, and she worked hard, but it was really difficult for her to be watching me and writing and watching the [interpreter].”

She explained that she wanted to make videos so that this student “would have more time to understand,” especially with the use of closed captions. She also wanted the information to be available online for students outside of ERHS to view, noting that it could be valuable for those attending small schools, where science teachers may have to teach multiple subjects. “If there was something online, then everybody could have access to it,” she said.

Dr. Laurent Rigal has also taught multiple levels of physics to ERHS students since joining the school’s faculty in 2012, and said that “there’s no doubt” about the role Twu’s videos have played in the success of these classes. “It just gives a different tool to students for their understanding of the topic,” he explained, adding that “the more tools you have, the more likely you are to reach out to the students.” Rigal and Twu have worked together since he began teaching at ERHS, collaborating on planning schedules for the year and using the videos

as resources for their lessons. Like Twu, he has always enjoyed teaching, and said that she was “a great help in getting me started” after he started working at the school.

Twu’s hard work is noted by her students, including both those who have taken her physics classes and those whom she oversees as part of the internship program. Senior William Song, who has taken both AP Physics 2 and AP Physics C with her, said, “She’s a good teacher, she gets her point across.” When asked about the use of her videos, he explained that they are “definitely” helpful. “In class we have limited time,” he elaborated. “Videos help to explain the mechanics.”

“You can feel her hard work,” said senior Anna Park, who has taken AP Physics 1 and AP Physics C with Twu, and is also an intern at the University of Maryland. When asked what she enjoys about having Twu as a teacher, she laughed and said, “Where to start is the problem here,” going on to describe the dedication that is the hallmark of Twu’s teaching style. “You really want to do well in her class,” she said. “She always tries to answer everyone’s questions before moving on . . . she doesn’t hesitate to focus on you.”

When she isn’t teaching or working on videos, Twu said that she likes to garden and listen to audiobooks, especially at the same time. However, it is nevertheless clear that her true passion is for teaching. “I love my students,” she immediately said, when asked about what she enjoys most about her job. “Because this is the only school I’ve taught in, I don’t know if I’m spoiled or not,” she said with a smile. “But the students here are just so wonderful.”

Nora Stewart is a student at ERHS.



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